



Memorandum

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Deb Szaro, Deputy Regional Administrator EPA New England

From: David Mackintosh, Chair, Regional Science Council (RSC)  
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Subject: FY2017 Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE) Grant Recommendations

The Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE) is an Office of Research and Development (ORD) program that funds regional research projects lasting two years or less. The FY2017 RARE budget is \$260,000 per Region. This year the RSC received seven RARE proposals, all of which met the eligibility criteria. The Council deliberated the merits of each proposal, scored each proposal, and offers the following ranking and recommendations:

(b) (5)



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The RSC Leadership is available to discuss recommendations with the Administration in further detail.

The RSC greatly appreciates each author's contribution to the RARE process. After the award announcement is made, the Council will publish the awarded proposals on its SharePoint site for the benefit of future applicants. Additionally, RSC Leadership is available to offer constructive feedback to all proposal authors to foster and encourage future proposals.